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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Original)** A snowmobile, comprising:
 - a frame;
 - two skis disposed at a forward end of the frame;
 - an endless drive track disposed beneath a rearward end of the frame to propel the snowmobile;
 - a seat mounted on the frame adapted to accommodate at least one person;
 - a fairing disposed rearwardly of the seat; and
 - a storage compartment defined by an interior of the fairing.
2. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fairing further comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being pivotally connected to the lower portion.
3. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the upper portion and the lower portion comprises a material different from that of the seat.
4. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 3, wherein the upper portion comprises a more rigid material than that of the seat.
5. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 2, wherein the upper portion and the lower portion mate with one another in a closed position and do not mate with one another in an opened position, and wherein the upper portion pivots to a predetermined angle of up to 150 degrees when in the opened position.

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6. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 5, wherein the upper portion and the lower portion mate with one another in a closed position and do not mate with one another in an opened position, and wherein, when in the closed position, the upper portion mates with the lower portion at a junction wherein the junction includes a seal disposed on one of the upper portion and the lower portion.
7. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lower portion comprises a tail light.
8. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fairing includes a lock.
9. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile comprising:
a frame;
two skis disposed at a forward end of the frame;
an endless drive track disposed beneath a rearward end of the frame to propel the snowmobile;
a seat mounted on the frame adapted to accommodate at least one person, the seat having a rear end; and
a fairing positioned rearwardly of the seat, wherein the fairing ~~tapers inwardly from a forward end to a rearward end~~ includes an upper portion and a lower portion;
and
a storage compartment formed by a portion of the rear end of the seat, the upper portion of the fairing and the lower portion of the fairing.
10. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 9, wherein the fairing tapers inwardly toward a rear end of the fairing ~~from an upper and a lower surface.~~
11. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 9, wherein the a rearward end of the fairing has a pointed shape.

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12. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 9, wherein the a rearward end of the fairing has a blunt shape.
13. **(Original)** A snowmobile as claimed in claim 9, wherein the fairing extends a predetermined distance beyond the rearward end of the frame.
14. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile, comprising:
a frame;
two skis disposed at a forward end of the frame;
an endless drive track disposed beneath a rearward end of the frame to propel the snowmobile;
a seat mounted on the frame adapted to accommodate at least one person, the seat comprising a foam covered by a flexible material;
a plastic fairing disposed rearwardly of the seat, the fairing comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, a storage compartment formed between the upper portion and the lower portion, the upper portion being pivotally connected to the lower portion so as to provide access the storage compartment; and
a tail light disposed on a rear end of the lower portion of the fairing.